

the ruling of the Chair in regard to the fact that 27 votes raises this. The other day....

PRESIDENT: No, no, no, it does not. 27 votes merely means that we can reconsider the matter.

SENATOR MURPHY: May I ask then in light of the fact an initial attempt to raise it failed, how many votes it will take to raise the issue today, inasmuch as the rule reads, shall this motion be made, the bill stands indefinitely postponed. Will we then in order to....

PRESIDENT: Was this your bill, Senator Chambers? I think it takes 25.

SENATOR MURPHY: To raise a motion that is indefinitely postponed I believe requires 30, sir. And the rule says that if they attempt to raise it and it fails, it does stand indefinitely postponed and I would like to clarify that before we get into it.

PRESIDENT: There is two rules. One for the introducer and one for any Senator. We will stand at ease. It takes 25 votes because we are right back where we were originally. I am not sure that I would have ruled the same way the occupant of this Chair did the other day, but that ruling having been made, we are exactly in the same position we were in the other day, and that means that it takes 25 votes to raise a bill from a committee when no action has been taken. But if this action fails, then the bill is indefinitely postponed. Senator Simon. Senator Chambers has called for the question. All right. Senator Stoney. Now, he has called for the question and I have got to ask for seconds. Are you asking a procedural question?

SENATOR STONEY: I certainly am.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR STONEY: Mr. President, I think with what is happening here that I think that the rule that has been established by the Chair should be challenged and perhaps we should consider whether or not it is going to take 25 votes to bring this bill to the floor or 30. Now when the initial action was taken the other day, and it was defeated, that bill was indefinitely postponed, am I not correct?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR STONEY: All right. Senator Chambers changed his vote so that he might reconsider.

PRESIDENT: I would have ruled a motion to reconsider out of order had I been in the Chair but I was not and I am not going to overrule anybody else's ruling.

SENATOR STONEY: Thank you. I appreciate that. If the bill has been indefinitely postponed, is there a difference between indefinite postponement here on the floor and in committee, because if it is indefinitely postponed in committee, that requires 30 votes to bring it to the floor and I would question the ruling now that you are going to accept 25 to place it on the floor.